

# Assemblyman **PAUL KORETZ**

## Forty-second Assembly District

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### **KORETZ CALLS AB 205 CHALLENGE A SWINDLE**

**(Los Angeles)** Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) today responded to a lawsuit filed by State Senator Pete Knight (R-Palmdale) and the Alliance Defense Fund to block the implementation of AB 205 (Goldberg) The Domestic Partners Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003 signed by Governor Davis last Friday. The lawsuit argues that AB 205 is in violation of Proposition 22 that states, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

"The Yes On 22 campaign repeatedly told voters in public statements and in official ballot arguments that Prop. 22 would not affect domestic partnership rights. Without those moderating statements, the discrimination in Prop. 22 would not have been palatable to California voters. Senator Knight, by filing this lawsuit, is attempting to swindle California voters with a bait and switch scam," said Assemblyman Koretz.

Robert Glazier, Communications Director for the Yes On 22 campaign, was the person responsible for coordinating the public messages on the intent of the ballot initiative. Here are some of his statements during the campaign.

"We understand that people are allowed the lifestyles of their choice and they should be given the benefits and protections of the law for those relationships." *California Capitol Week* 1/28/00

"We recognize that people should be able to have protection when it comes to domestic partnership rights, to hospital visitation rights, when it comes to inheritance. Those rights won't be taken away when Proposition 22 passes." *MSNBC* 3/1/00

"Proposition 22 was so narrowly defined with just 14 words, not just for simplicity's sake, but for the legal impact. It will not affect domestic partnership rights. It will not affect hospital visitation rights or child custody rights or inheritance rights." *The Edge with Paula Zahn*, Fox Television 3/6/00

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